

Deciding to Stay or Go

Depending on the situation and the conditions involved, you may be ordered to evacuate, shelter-in-place (sealing off part of your home for safety) or stay in your home. It's important to know the difference and how to prepare for each situation. Monitoring TV or radio stations is important to keep informed on the latest conditions. If you're specifically told to evacuate or seek medical treatment, do so immediately.

Evacuation

Planning how and when to assemble your family whether at home, at work or at school should be part of your evacuation plan. Creating and using a Family Communications Plan (pg. 7) will help keep your family in touch and informed.

- ☐ Be sure your 72 hour evacuation kit is accessible, up to date and portable.
- ☐ Make sure your car has enough gas to get to your destination.
- ☐ Keep cash and coins in your 72 hour evacuation kit in case electricity is down for credit/debit cards.
- ☐ Be sure to lock your home.
- ☐ Make sure the routes you are taking are safe.
- ☐ Be sure to leave a note telling people where you are going, when you left and how to contact you.

Shelter-In-Place

Sheltering-in-place means staying inside a building and making the building as safe as possible until help arrives. Local authorities may issue a shelter-in-place order during a release of a hazardous material where air quality may be threatened.

If you receive official instructions to shelter-in-place, take the following precautions:

- Take your children and pets inside immediately. Cover your mouth and nose with a damp cloth.
- Close all windows and doors in your home as well as the fireplace damper.
- Turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems and any other ventilation.
- Go to an above ground room (not the basement) with the fewest windows and doors. Be sure to take a radio with you.
- Wet some towels and jam them in the crack under your door. Tape plastic sheeting or garbage bags over the door, window, exhaust fan, vents and outlets.
- Stay in the room until you are told all is safe. Once you are told to stop sheltering-in-place, be sure to vent your house.

Staying in Your Home

This order means simply that, stay put. It is important to realize that no matter the disaster, certain everyday essentials like water and electricity may take a while to be restored. Know how to utilize your home without these resources and be prepared with enough food and water for up to three weeks. Please keep in mind other elements such as extreme heat and extreme cold when identifying supplies to keep on hand.

Sandy City's Citizen Corps Council (from page 2)

Want to help get involved by becoming better prepared in your community? Sandy's Citizen Corps Council presently consists of an active CERT program, a Neighborhood Watch program and a new Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program. These programs are discussed at each council meeting where we also recognize a Sandy resident who has actively promoted emergency preparedness.

The Sandy City Citizen Corps council meets on the 2nd Thursday every even month (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec), and everyone is invited to attend.

Meetings are held in the Sandy City Hall (10000 Centennial Parkway) at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room on the third level. If you have questions regarding this, contact Ken Kraudy, the Emergency Management Coordinator for Sandy City at 568-7279.

